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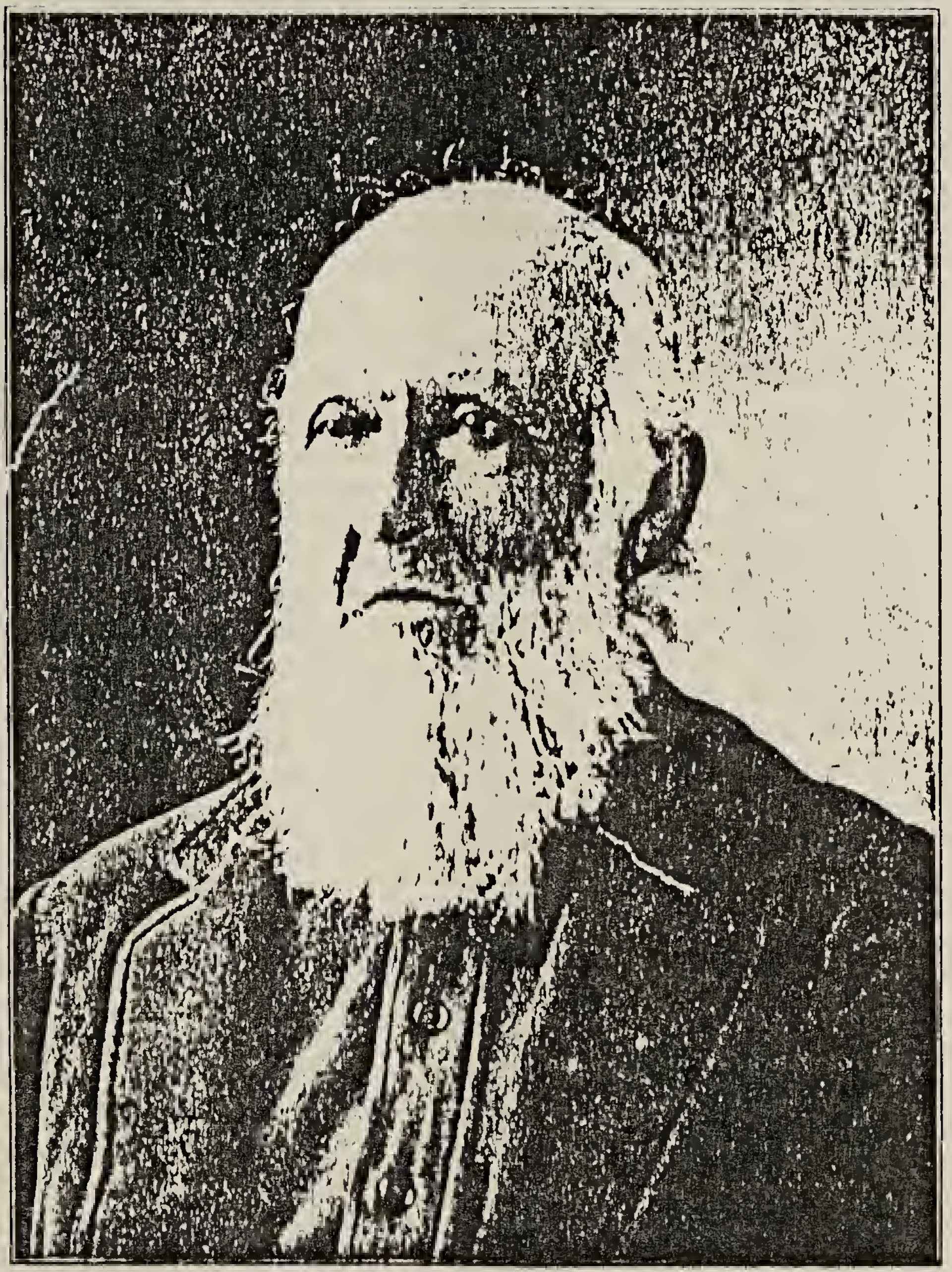
Otis is a Republican in political preference, and has not only rendered efficient service as a school director, but has contributed largely towards the building and improvement of the roads in his vicinity. He is treasurer of Multnomah Grange, No. 71, and is also its past master, and he is otherwise identified with social and business interests in the county. An honorable, intelligent, and public-spirited citizen, he enjoys the respect of all who know him.

JAMES McCLARAN. From pioneer times down to the present James McClaran has been a witness of Oregon's development, growth and progress. He was born in Holmes county, Ohio, October 31, 1835, and represented a family of farming people. His parents removed to Indiana about 1850 and afterward became residents of Guthrie county, Iowa, where they spent their remaining days. Unto them were born eleven children, the subject of this review being the third in order of birth. At the usual age he entered the district schools and mastered the branches of English learning usually taught in such institutions. He also became familiar with the work of field and meadow, for from the time of early spring planting until crops were harvested in the late autumn he assisted in the work upon the home farm. When he had reached man's estate he wedded Matilda Reynolds, a native of Indiana, and they remained residents of Iowa until 1863, when, believing that they might better their financial condition in the newly developed but growing northwest, they came to Oregon, traveling in the usual manner of emigrants at that time. They had nine yoke of oxen, and for about six months were upon the way, but at length the long and tiresome journey was completed and the family were comfortably located upon a farm near Forest Grove. After living there for three years Mr. McClaran secured a claim of one hundred and sixty acres beside his present place of residence. Here he has one hundred and nine acres under cultivation and in addition to this he owns a quarter section of land in Tillamook county. He carries on general farming and stock-raising and today has a well improved place, the present fine condition being the visible evidence of his life of industry and thrift. His home is a modern and substantial residence, in the rear of which stand good barns and other outbuildings for the shelter of stock and grain, and these in turn are surrounded by fine fields of grain. The place is pleasantly and conveniently located in Gales Creek valley, about a mile southwest of the Henry, who has passed away; Samuel, who died in Iowa; Mary, wife of Lewis Peterson, who is living near The Dalles; Jane, Mrs. Hiett, of Tillamook; Ida, and Nancy, both deceased; and Maggie, wife of Carr Her, of Washington county. The parents have a large circle of warm friends in this portion of the state where they have resided since pioneer times, their residence here covering forty years. Within this period much of the land has been reclaimed by the white man and transformed into productive farms which have become the homes of a contented and prosperous people. In all other lines of progress and improvement there has been marked advancement and the county of today bears little resemblance to the district in which Mr. McClaran located four decades ago. For a number of years he has been a member of the school board and the cause of education has found in him a faithful and helpful friend. He also served as supervisor for a number of years and he votes with the Republican party, believing firmly in its principles.

GEORGE KNIERIEM. Various parts of the United States have profited by the industry and capability of George Knieriem, at present the owner of eighty acres of land in Multnomah county, and one of the practical and successful farmers of his locality. Born in Germany in the year 1844, he was six years of age when he came to America with his father, John Knieriem, his mother, Elizabeth, having died in the Fatherland. For six years father and son were residents of Philadelphia, after which they removed to Dane county, Wis., where the father settled on a farm and reared his son to an agricultural life. The youth attended the district schools as opportunity permitted, at the same time performing his share towards the family support. While a resident of Philadelphia John Knieriem married Catherine Miller, a native of Germany.

The breaking out of the Civil war found Mr. Knieriem working in his father's Dane county fields, and in July, 1862, he enlisted as a private in the Third Wisconsin Battery for three years, and was in the Army of the Cumberland and a part of the Fourth and Fourteenth army corps under General Thomas. He participated in the battles of Stone River, Chickamauga, and others of equal interest, numbering in all eighteen battles and skirmishes. Eventually he joined Sherman's army, and was with the famous commander as far as Jonesboro, and was discharged from a meritorious service in July, 1865



S.W. Iler

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the admiration and honor of his comrades and the gratitude of the nation. As an able educator, also, he has attained prominence. Ohio claims him as a native son, his birth having occurred in Peru, Huron county, November 11, 1847. His father, Franklin Pratt, was born in East Hartford, Conn., and was a descendant of Lieutenant Pratt, of the English navy, who came to Connecticut in 1632. The colonel is a brother of Prof. Irving W. Pratt, whose biography appears on another page in this volume. The early days of his boyhood were passed upon a farm in Huron county, Ohio. His father was a captain of one of the first passenger packets on the Erie canal. In 1856 he removed with his family to Lenawee county, Mich., settling in Fairfield township, and in the public schools of that locality Colonel Pratt received his preliminary education. His spirit of patriotism was roused by the conflict between the north and south for the preservation of the union, and in the fall of 1863 he became a member of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, enlisting in Company B. He was mustered in at Toledo, Ohio, and with his command was sent south to join the Army of the James River. He took part in many important battles of the war, including the siege of Petersburg and Five Forks, which was practically a siege of the surrounding country, lasting for one year, until the fall of Petersburg. After the surrender of General Lee he took part in the grand review at Washington, D. C., one of the greatest military pageants in the history of our country. He had served his country faithfully and well, displaying the valor and bravery of a man of twice his years. He was mustered out in July, 1865, at Toledo, and returned to the home of his brother in Ohio, being still under eighteen years of age. After his return he taught school for some years in his home township, later became principal of the school in Fairfield, Mich. He was elected county superintendent of schools of Lenawee county, occupying this position for two years. He then took a normal course at Adrian, Mich., graduating in 1868. In 1882 he located in Portland, Ore., and here becoming superintendent of a district containing three schools, Holladay, Multnomah and Williams Avenue and continued to have charge of the same until Albina was incorporated into a city. Later he became principal of the Cedar street school, at Astoria, Ore., which position he occupied for three years, at the end of which time he resigned to accept the position of principal of the Williams Avenue school of Portland, situated on the corner of Williams avenue and Russell street. Colonel Pratt is remarkably well fitted to fill the important positions in educational institutions which readily and concisely to others the knowledge which he has himself acquired, and to bring out the latent talent and develop the minds of his pupils. In fall of 1902 Colonel Pratt, with others, organized the International Mining and Milling Company with offices and plant located in Portland, Ore., to manufacture and instal improved mining machinery. He was elected treasurer of the company.

In Portland, Ore., occurred the marriage of Col. M. L. Pratt and Miss May Loller, a native of Philadelphia. The colonel is a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Washington Lodge No. 46, A. F. & A. M., in which he served as secretary. He attained the degree of Royal Arch Mason in Washington Chapter. He is past commander of Sumner Post No. 12, G. A. R., and in June, 1902, in Astoria, Ore., at the state encampment of that organization, he was elected department commander of Oregon, with the rank of general. During 1901 and 1902 he was inspector general under the national commander. His relations with his army associates are of the most pleasant nature, and he has the regard and esteem of all. Politically he has ever been a stanch Republican.

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After the Indian war Mr. Iler went down into California with ox teams, and after mining and prospecting for about a year was glad to return to more stable methods of livelihood. November 10, 1850, he was united in marriage with Caroline Lee, a native of Fulton county, Ill., and a daughter of Philemon and Elizabeth J. Lee, who came across the plains from Iowa in 1847, settling on a donation claim of six hundred and forty

acres, upon a portion of which the widow of Mr. Her now lives. After his marriage Mr. Her lived in Clackamas county for a couple of years, and then located near Gales Creek on a farm that was wild and timbered, and a stranger to plow or harrow. Here he lived until 1852, and then came to the farm upon which his widow now lives. He made many improvements on his land, and was accounted one of the most progressive and succesful of farmers, being engaged in both general farming and stock-raising.

A Republican in political affiliation, Mr. Her entered actively into all county political affairs, and filled many positions of trust and responsibility within the gift of his fellow townsmen. He was postmaster of Gales Creek for five years, and was on the school board for a great many years, serving also for a few years as justice of the peace. He took a great interest in establishing schools and encouraging scholarship, and though his own early opportunities were comparatively limited, profited thereby, and endeavored to insure to the youth of the present generation more fitting chances than came his own way. For many years he was a welcome member of the Masonic fraternity. He lived to be seventy-six years old, his death occurring October 10, 1899. Too much cannot be said of the example left by so manly and upright a life, nor does any serve to better illustrate the virtue of industry and correct living. Mr. and Mrs. Her were the parents of seven children, of whom five
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20668 Gales Creek, born July 12, 1871; and Carl, born
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GEORGE P. LENT. Many leading pioneer families are represented among the legal practitioners of Portland, and that to which George P. Lent belongs is deserving of more than passing recognition. A native son of the great northwest, he was born on his father's farm, November 1, 1852, one day after his parents had crossed the plains to identify their futures with the timbered and resourceful wilderness. Oliver P. Lent would have been a credit to any community in the world, for his rugged simplicity and unfailing good humor marked him as the scion of good fortune, and heir to friends who would tarry near him, no matter what his misfortunes or mistakes. He was born near Marietta, Ohio, August 31, 1830, and although his early educational opportunities were limited, he was the kind of student to advance through observation of the men and events by which he was surrounded. In his youth he learned the stone cutter's trade, and while thus employed he married, in West Virginia, in 1851, Martha A. Buckley, a native of the Old Dominion, who was born in Parkersburg, March 19, 1833. The parents of Mrs. Lent died when she was a child.

Mr. Lent's original plan in coming to the west was to visit California and try his fortunes in the mining regions. For some reason his ideas underwent a change, and he turned his oxen's heads towards Oregon, which he reached in comparative comfort and safety. In his party was William S. Buckley, the brother of his wife, who later became superior judge of Stockton, Cal., and is now deceased. A sister, Susan Buckley, Jenne, also joined the train, and her death occurred in Portland in 1893. A sister of Mr. Lent, the widow of Nathan B. Low, came to the coast in 1889, and is now a resident of Portland. Mr. Lent himself relied upon his stone mason's trade to help him out as soon as he landed in Oregon, and he readily secured work on the old penitentiary, later on erecting the old Prettyman house at the end of Hawthorne avenue. He located three hundred and twenty acres of land at what was then Pleasant Valley, but which is now Sycamore, and on this built a hewed log house in which he located his family in comparative comfort, and this house, the only one of the pioneer houses, is still standing. This claim continued to be his home until 1861, at which time he removed to Cedarville and leased an old sawmill for a year. A later undertaking was the management of the mill owned by J. B. Stevens, of which he had control for several years, making his home in the immediate vicinity of the mill. In 1866 he purchased one hundred and ninety acres of land upon which the town of Lents sprang into existence, and this little community is a monument to the honor and esteem in which he was held, bearing his name, and containing many reminders of his progressive spirit and unfailing industry. This farm was partially improved, but Mr. Lent erected a new residence, enlarged and remodeled the outbuildings, put up new fences, and disposed of his land in general farming and stock-raising.

Always the friend of education, Mr. Lent's attention was called very early in Multnomah county to the deficiency in this direction, and it was largely through his efforts that school district No. 12 was started. For many years he watched over the school near his home, serving as director and clerk of the board, and insisting that an excellent standard be maintained. For years he was road supervisor, and also justice of the peace, filling the position with tact and due regard for the best interests of the community. He failed in the election for state senator

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2720 SW Miles Street
Portland, Oregon 97219
June 5, 1981

Dear Louise: 20756

I'm really sorry to have taken so long to send you those copies I promised. I can't remember what I wrote to you earlier except that I did tell you that I was sick and would send you that material as soon as I felt like it. I really am still not too well but know what my trouble is now and am trying to adjust my activities to it so that I won't overdo. But to make things worse I somehow misplaced your letter and therefore did not have your address. I have looked high and low for it and know it has to be somewhere. I made notations on the back of the envelope when I talked with you and therefore do not have that information either which included the name of your niece in Lebanon. I am not sure now when I will feel like driving to Lebanon, but do still want to go there. There may be convenient bus transportation there too but I have not checked. I surely will find your letter eventually but in the meantime I finally called our county library and had them look up your address in their phone directory..

I have learned that I have early congestive heart disease so have a pill I take for my heart each day and do feel better than I did before I started taking it but still tire very easily. My doctor had a lot of surgery in March and April and finally returned to his office full-time this week. I therefore had to see a strange doctor when I got sick and although I think I had a good doctor I felt that I couldn't talk things over with him as I could with my own doctor. My doctor did see me and a few other patients the middle of last month and examined me quite thoroughly and said he was sure the other doctor was correct in his diagnosis. He did talk at some length about that type of heart trouble and I felt I understood more about it then. And if this wasn't enough I managed to get some kind of virus or whatever that has been going around and have really felt miserable the past couple of weeks..I am still not over it and think I will see my doctor next week about it. And after the first of next month I want to see a specialist for tests to learn more about just how serious my condition is. Of course if I should start having more trouble I would not wait that long, but I will be eligible for medicare and supplemental insurance the 1st of July and don't have much insurance now so would rather not run up a lot of bills just before then unless it is really necessary. Well, anyway enough of that.

These articles I am enclosing are from the periodical put out by the Clackamas Co. Genealogical Society. They are of course rather old and they do say to watch for more about the Ilers at a future date. But to the best of my knowledge they have never written any more. I have not seen a copy of their magazine for a long time and know they have been having some trouble getting it out. It is too bad as it was a very good magazine with very interesting and helpful articles. However, the article about John Iler does have some mistakes. You will note that they say that your grandfather was born in Vermont and died in Mexico but they corrected it in the article about him..But there are many mistakes about his sister (my great-grandmother, Mary Iler). You will note I made a correction in her death date. She died in childbirth at the birth of my grandmother who was born October 9, 1857..I do not have any record that she had any other children, but since she was married in 1854 there could have been another child before but not after my grandmother, Olive Young.. I called one of the authors, Nadiene Millin, and pointed out that error and she replied "oh yes, I have always known that Mary died at the birth of Olive and not later in the flood". She claimed that someone had later made some changes after she turned the article in..Why she didn't have it corrected I don't know,.but it was several

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years after publication before I learned of the articles and I couldn't seem to get anything done about it. And on page 28 of the article we are told that William Young remarried soon after Mary's death...actually his 2nd marriage took place Sept.. 3, 1865. An uncle tells me that he travelled around Oregon and Wash. in his work (he was a brickmason) and took my grandmother with him and then boarded him in the town, often with Indians. The 1860 Clackamas county census lists both William and Olive 36379 Young with his father, Joseph Young. It does seem to be true that Mary Iler Young and possibly another child and John Young are buried on his land claim as the story says. Possibly there was a small Iler child buried there too (child of John). People seem to think there were up to 4 or 5 graves there on Iler's Peak. Unfortunately the stones are gone and there has been logging, digging by children etc. so that the graves cannot be found. I have been told by people who were up there earlier that they could see definite sunken spots where the graves were, but when my husband and I were up there two or three years ago we could not find anyplace that we could definitely identify as a grave. The property-owner, a Mr. Humpower, was very nice about letting us go up there and in fact went with us to the foot of the peak and said he would have gone up with us except that he had an appointment. He might have been able to have showed us where the graves were as he is an old-timer of a pioneer family.

You will note on Page 29 that there were 2 other Ilers who settled in Marion Co. who were thought to be John's brothers. I think this is very likely true as they lived in places where John also lived. I found an application for a pension by the widow of a James Iler (apparently the son of one of these other Ilers) who fought in the Indian wars here in Oregon during the time of the Civil war. This application is at the Historical Society here. They wouldn't let me copy it on the copy machine probably because it was so old but gave me some paper and let me use a typewriter. I did make enough mistakes though that I want to redo it before I make copies. This James Iler though was born in Ohio (near Cincinati) in 1830. According to my grandmother's death certificate her mother (Mary Iler) was born in Ohio in 1836. 20813

I have not found out much more than what is in these two articles. I did write to the historical society at Salem co., N.J. and they told me of the marriage of a [illegible] Iler and a E---Green in 1796 and also gave this man's father--they found this record in an abandoned Moravian church. I should have made a copy of their letter for you but did not so will plan to do so later.

I hope this information will be of interest to you. I want to apologize for the copies. I had them made at a bank that used to make very clear copies but I do think you will be able to read them. Do write when you have time. I don't know at present when I will be down there again but will certainly plan to visit you when I do get down there.

Sincerely,

Lillian

Lillian W. Mars.

Pioneers on the Old Oregon Trail
(Savil W. Iler - 1847)

In the Winter Issue of THE TRACKERS, Volume Twelve (Issue 2, page 27), we told the story of JOHN ILER, pioneer of Carver, Oregon. Since then we have 20607 found a biography of his son, SAVIL WILSON ILER, which brushes away a little 20613 more dust from the pioneering facts. We see that John Iler and his wife had seven children, and that in 1823 they lived in Rush County, Indiana. How many of these children, besides Savil and a daughter Mary, came to Oregon in 1847, and how many survived is still unknown. There apparently are at least four graves in the old Iler burial grounds on Iler's Peak in Carver, and possibly more.

Following is the biographical sketch of Savil W. Iler found in the book PORTRAIT AND BIOGRAPHICAL RECORDS OF PORTLAND AND VICINITY, (Chapman Publishing Co., Chicago - 1903)

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[2] Gales Creek, Oregon is in Washington County on State Highway 6.

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SOME GENEALOGICAL FACTS ON THE ILER FAMILY

SAVIL or SAVILLE WILSON ILER son of JOHN ILER 20607 b. 24 November 1823, Rush Count Indiana* d. 10 October 1899, Washington County, Oregon‡. mar. 10 Novembe 1850, Oregon, to Caroline Lee. 20614

CAROLINE LEE daughter of PHILOMON and ELIZABETH J. LEE ** b.-, Fulton County, Illinois. d. after 1903, Washington County, Oregon. Children were:

1. JOHN ILER b. 27 September 1854, Washington County, Oregon
2. HENRY ILER b. 10 October 1856, Washington County, Oregon . d. Prior to 19
3. EMMA ILER b. 19 June 1859, Washington County, Oregon. d. Prior to 1903
4. ELVA ILER B. 5 October 1864, Washington County, Oregon. mar. HENRY WESCOT
5. SAVIL ILER b. 8 December 1867
6. MYRTLE ILER b. 12 July 1871, Washington County, Oregon. mar. NICHOLAS C. LILLY [11].
7. CARL ILER b. 28 April 1877, Washington County, Oregon

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[3] Savil W. Iler died in Washington County, Oregon, and not in Mexico as reported in THE TRACKERS, Volume Twelve, 2, p. 29.

*See Footnote No. 1.

‡ See Footnote No.3.

**Donation Land Claim Record # 4576. Philomon Lee's DLC was located in Washington County, Oregon. S. W. Iler gave affidavit of Mr. Lee's death on that cla 3 May 1851.

[11]N. C. Lilly came to Oregon in 1885. Was a Gale Creek mercantile business man and post master. He married as his second wife, Myrtle Iler. They had one son, Nicholas C. (PORTRAIT AND BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD OF PORTLAND AND VICINITY, Page 846) 20667

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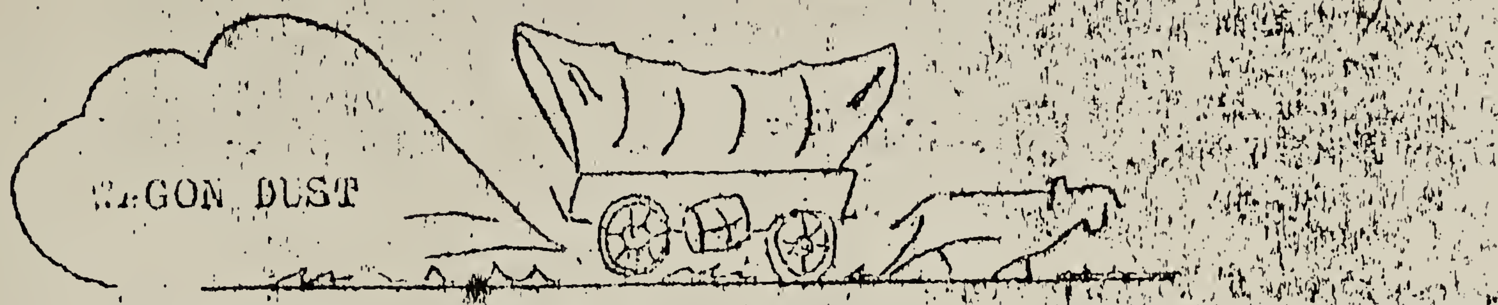

Pioneers on the Old Oregon Trail
(John Iler - 1847)

High on a bluff that stands to the north of the rustic town of Carver, Oregon, and looks towards the Clackamas River as it rolls by on it's way to join the Willemette, are three forgotten graves. The natural stone markers that once guarded the graves have long since been tumbled away by school boys.

It wasn't always so. Some local residents can remember when the graves were well kept. And there was a time when school children from Carver made yearly Memorial Day hikes up the steep path to lay flowers on the graves. They seem to remember that it was a child's grave they honored; a small boy who had been drowned during a flood.

With the gravestones gone now, there are no names or dates to read, but the bluff itself stands as a marker. It is known as ILER'S PEAK, and is apparently the last testimony to the toils and efforts of a Carver Pioneer by the name of JOHN ILER.

As we follow the dim path that John Iler left, it appears that he was a man of much vision....and very little luck! In 1847 he came West over the Oregon Trail with his twenty-four year old son, SEVILLE WILSON ILER, and a young daughter, MARY ILER. He was a stonecutter by trade, and a widower.[1] According to Oregon Donation Land Claim records, he was born in 1796, in SALEM COUNTY, NEW JERSEY. His son, Seville, was born in ~~VERMONT~~ in 1823.[2]

Mr. Iler settled on his land claim on December 1st, 1850. His 320 acres was situated about six miles from Oregon City, on the north bank of the Clackamas River where Carver now stands. Directly across the river was the claim of HORACE BAKER, who had arrived in Oregon in 1846, and was also a stonecutter.[3] Mr. Iler, like Mr. Baker, probably selected this area because of the wonderful mountains of basalt located there.

During the 1850 census of the Oregon Territory, which was taken from September 1850 to March 1851, the son, Seville Iler, resided with Horace Baker and his family at the Baker Claim. But John Iler and his daughter Mary are not included in that census. Perhaps the census taker, Sheriff JOSEPH L. MEEK, missed them. The fact that John Iler was never well known by his neighbors is evident on an old map in the Clackamas County Courthouse, based on an 1855 survey of the Damascus and Union lands of Clackamas County. (See page 30). Of all the land

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[1] John Iler applied for only 320 acres of land under the Donation Land Claim Act and not an additional 320 acres which would be his wife's share. This would imply that he did not have a wife at the time he settled his claim.

[2] OREGON TERRITORY CENSUS, Clackamas County, 1850, lists Seville W. Iler, age 27, farmer, born in Vermont.

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[3] See THE MT HOOD TRACKERS, Volume 1, Number 1, p.2 (Carver, Oregon. It's Origin And Growth by Marion Mumpower Charriere.)

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owners listed on the map, he alone is without a given name.

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On November 7, 1854, Mary Iler married a neighbor, WILLIAM B. YOUNG, so JOSEPH T. and ELIZABETH YOUNG from OHIO. The Young family had migrated to Ore in 1852, arriving on the 17th of September, and settling on a claim in t Damascus area, north of the Clackamas River.[4] William took up a land claim his own in 1853, and, presumedly, he and his bride resided there. They had o daughter whom they named OLIVE, born in 1857, and probably one other child.

During the month of November in 1861 it rained continually. And great mounts of snow fell in the mountains. Then in late November the rain tur humid, and the snow melted. On Monday morning, December 2nd, everything was n mal on the rivers, even the boat schedules out of Canemah, but within twelv hours, by nightfall, the Willamette was on a roaring rampage! The falls had appeared, and so had all the buildings in Linn City except two lodgings and warehouse. Lower Oregon City was flooded and the Clackamas bottoms, north of Oregon City, were completely inundated with all the houses along the Clackama River being carried away.[5]

As can be imagined, a sad number of the people who lived in the settlemen along the many rivers of the Willamette Valley were lost. It is a gener assumption that Mary Iler Young and a small son drowned at this time, and John Iler took them up on his bluff, far above the river, and buried them th forever safe from raging waters.

Mr. Iler was alone and ill now, suffering from a recurrent ailment that at times left him unable to care for himself. His son Seville had left, as so so often do, to find his own fortune. He was in Washington County as late February, 1855, where he signed a Donation Land Claim affidavit for GEORGE BEL but no more is heard of him in Clackamas County records. Mr. Iler's son-in-l William Young remarried soon after Mary's death, and moved away, taking littl Olive with him.

If we read the probate records right, John Iler leased his quarry to a co cern from Portland, being unable to work it himself, and hired a neighbor a his wife, who lived downstream a ways, to care for him during his bouts of s ness. The neighbor was ABNER HART.[6]

Mr. Hart claimed to have cared for Mr. Iler for twelve weeks [illegible] time of December 16, 1861 to Decmember 16, 1862. And also for two weeks in Aug 1862; two weeks in July, 1863; one week in March, 1864; and during his last i ness from September 17, 1864 until his death on October 26th following.

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[4] See THE MT HOOD TRACKERS, Volume II, Number 4, p. 7 (Damascus History by Mrs Gladys Pottruff.)

[5] Howard McKinley Corning, WILLAMETTE LANDINGS - GHOST TOWNS OF THE RIVER p. 4 51 (Binford and Mort - 1947)

[6] Donation Land Claim records state that Abner Hart was born in [illegible] County, Ohio; married Elizabeth --, 29 March 1851 in McLean County, Illinois and arrived in Oregon 17 August 1851.
Also see THE MT HOOD TRACKERS, Volume II, Number 3, p. 17 (Pleasant View Cemetery Records).

Then Mr. Hart, unable to locate either William Young, whom he thought had moved to Washington Territory, or Seville Iler, who ignored the summons to appear at a probate hearing, made arrangements to bury John Iler. He ordered a casket, purchased some new clothes for the deceased, and hired a team and wagon to carry Mr. Iler on his final trip to the top of the bluff. There, next to Mary and her son, he and some neighbors buried John Iler.

And in the valley below the Clackamas River rolled on. So did the destinies of other men. Some were prolific and successful, and their names are remembered. But some, like John Iler, were destined to live alone and be only half-remembered.....echoes on the winds of time.

SOME GENEALOGICAL FACTS ON THE ILER FAMILY

JOHN ILER b. 1796, Salem Co., New Jersey, d. 26 Oct. 1864, Clackamas Co., Ore.

SEVILLE WILSON ILER b. 1823, Vermont, d. 10 October 1899 (listed in THE OREGONIAN this day.), Mexico.*

MARY [illegible] YOUNG b. —, d. ~~[illegible]~~ 1857, Clackamas Co., Ore., mar. WILLIAM B. YOUNG 7 November 1854, Clackamas Co., Ore.

WILLIAM B. YOUNG b. 11 May 1831, Monroe Co., Ill., son of JOSEPH T. and ELIZABETH YOUNG, d. April 1878, Ore. (see Milwaukie Cemetery Records, THE MT. HOOD TRACKERS, V, 1, p. 28)

OLIVE YOUNG b. 1857, Clackamas Co., Ore., daughter of WILLIAM B. and MARY (ILER) YOUNG.

* S. W. Iler's grandson, James Iler, and his wife live in Portland, Oregon, and are researching the family history at this time with the help of MHGF members [illegible] Milln and Mytle Brown. Mrs. Milln and Mrs. Brown have spent many hours looking through Oregon records, and it is their efforts that have made it possible to write this WAGON DUST story. If a reader has more information or wishes to comment on this story please write to the Editor, THE TRACKERS, P.O. Box 208, Oregon City, Ore. 97045.

(There were two other ILERs that came to Oregon with the 1847 wagon trains, [illegible] and DAVID C., who settled at Butteville, Marion County. It is thought that they were brothers of John Iler of Carver, but this is not proved as yet. Watch for more on all the Ilers at a later date.)

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FROM THE PROBATE COURT RECORDS OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN ILER, dec'd.
Clackamas County, Oregon
June 16, 1865
Administrator: ABNER HART

Personal Estate:

1 old wagon valued at $15.00.(sold for $15.00)
2 old ploughs valued at $5.00. (found not to belong to deceased)
1 cooking stove and furniture valued at $10.00 (sold for $5.00)
1 hoe and rake valued at $1.00 (sold for $1.00)
1 lot of dishes valued at $2.50 (stolen from the cabin of deceased)
1 crosscut saw valued at $4.00 (sold for $5.00)
1 hand saw valued at 50¢ (sold for 50¢)
[illegible] augers valued at $1.00 (sold for $1.00)
[illegible] chisels valued at 75¢ (sold for 25¢)
1 oil stone valued at 75¢ (sold for 75¢)
5 planes and squares valued at $6.00 (sold for $6.00)

1 cow valued at $12.00 (both sold for $25.00)
1 yearling steer valued at $6.00
1 old shot gun valued at $5.00 (sold for $5.00)
1 trysquare and guage valued at $2.00
1 skiff valued at $2.00 (sold for $2.50)

Legal Tender

$65.00 received from JAMES TONGUE for a debt owed deceased.

Real Estate

327.84 acres appraised at $800.00, to be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, in one parcel, on saturday the 6th day of May, 1865, (sold to JOHN GRUBER for $370.00 in gold coin.)

The land was described as follows in THE WEEKLY OREGONIAN advertisement, (April 3, 1865)..."Situated on the Clackamas River, some four or five miles from Oregon City. There are good stone quarries on the place, now being worked by parties in Portland, an abundance of timber, and good farming land."

And in the petition for the sale, Mr. Hart called it..."comparatively unimproved land claim...(with) no leins or incumbrances...except a lease made by the deceased in his life time to...(left blank, probably the Portland parties working the quarries.)...for a term of three years."

CLAIMS UPON THE ESTATE

To Abner Hart for boarding and care of deceased during his life time etc. 1 pair of drawers @ $1.50, 1 undershirt @ $1.50, 1 necktie @ 25¢, 1 pair of socks @ 25¢. and $2.00 paid to H. KERNS for shaving the deceased after death. Total $245.50 less cash received at different times from the deceased in his life time.

To W. C. JOHNSON for $15.00 gold coin loaned to deceased and interest at ten per cent per annum, since October 18, 1864.

To HEDGES & BINGHAM for coffin - $18.00
To Mr. EDDY for hiring horses and digging the grave - $7.50
To W. L. HOLCOMB for assisting in digging the grave - $7.50
To S. W. [illegible] for transporting the body to the grave - $10.00
To JAMES M. MOORE for appraising estate - $5.60
To W. L. HOLCOMB and ALMOND HOLCOMB for appraising estate - $5.40 each
To HENRY L. PITTOCK for printer bill for advertising & notices - $40.00
To --- HACKET for hauling wagon to town and toll - $5.00
To I. H. [illegible] for [illegible] fees - $5.37
To W. C. JOHNSON for clerk fees - $16.12
To S. HUELAT for Attorney fees for administrator - $50.00

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PIONEER NAMES FOUND ON AN OLD MAP

In the Clackamas County Courthouse is an old undated map, based on an 185 survey, and embracing the full outline of all present Damascus and Union lands northern Clackamas County, Oregon. The names lettered on the map are as follow DAVID H. DEARDORFF, JOSEPH YOUNG, W. C. WILSON, WILLIAM COOKE, M.E. WILLOUGHB ELI ELLIOTT, MR. ILER, NATHANIEL LAMB's heirs, EDWARD PEDIGO, S. B. JOHNSO NELSON McCOY, JAS. T. CHITWOOD, PAUL GRIM, J. H. [illegible], ELIAS [illegible], JOH S. FISHER, CHEVALIER RICHARDSON, SAMUEL GILLIAMET, DAVID VAN ZANT, JAMES P. CASON, THOMAS BOORK, PETER MORGAN, EVERARD SHARROCK, FRANCIS H. OSBURN, JOS S. SHARP and ALBERT OSBURN.

Ref: Lottie Maybee & Forrest Dale Forbes, DAYS AND WAYS OF OLD DAMASCUS, OR (Damascus Road Press, Calimesa, California - 1962)

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ADDISON - FOOTE FAM: [illegible]

CONRAD 175? - MD - HEADS FAMS - MD: [illegible]

DANIEL - ~~TROWBRIDGE GEN: 198~~ NI03

ELVA, ELIZABETH, B: 7-16 1826, M: 2-14-1854, [illegible] AND RESIDES IN NEW YORK CITY. NI03*

EDNA - BROWN GEN: 2: 348 LP001513x ?

EMMA - STERLING GEN: 587

FREDERICK, 175? - MD - HEADS FAMS. MD: 65

GLADYS, 190? - CAN - KIMBALL - CLEMENT: 129

H. J. - CHUTE FAM: XCIX

HARRIET UFANY - CLEVELAND FAM: 1515

HARRY - FOLSOM FAM: 477

HENRY, 175? - PA - PA. ARCHIVES SER. 5: 5·581

JACOB - CHUTE FAM: XCIX

JACOB, 178? - MD - INVASION, MD: 333

JOHN, 175? - PA, REV. WAR - ARCHIVES DEL. 70

JOHN, 175? - MD - HEADS FAMS. MD: 57

MAY - BREWSTER GEN: 572

MICHAEL, 174? - VA - REV. WAR RECDS [illegible] xM062

NELLY, 175? - NC - HEADS FAMS. NC: 136 XW6X

NICHOLAS 175? - NC - REV. WAR RECDS. NC: [illegible] xN014

PHIL?, 175? - PA - PA. ARCHIVES, SER. 5: 3: 1072, [illegible]

PHILIP, 175? - MD - HEADS FAMS. MD: 117

PHILIP, 175? - PA - PA. ARCHIVES, SER. 5: 3: 1102, [illegible]

SAVIL - BROWN GEN: 2: 348 S1215

STEPHEN, 175? - MD - HEADS FAMS. MD: 40 VS

WILLIAM, 174? - NC - HEADS FAMS. NC: 136 xw6/xw61 aq007c/aq206

WILLIAM, 176? - NC - HEADS FAMS. NC: [illegible]

IN PHILA.

A GENEALOGY OF THE STUCKEY AND KEIM FAMILIES [illegible]

TELL ABOUT THE SNIDER + ILER FAMILIES

6 TH.

Nm11126

18716 WILLIAM J. ILER BORN: 1-9-1885, DIED: -1930 MARRIED: 9-6-1903

18717 DOLLIE TUMBLESON B: D: MR. [illegible]

18718 (1) MILDRED B: D: M: HEZZLE

Nm111261

6 TH.

Nm11127

18720 JOHN B. ILER B: 7-10-1888, D: M:

FLORANCE

18722 (1) VERNON (PETE) ILER B:

6 TH.

Nm11128

18723 SAMUEL HARRY ILER JR. B: APRIL 23, 1893, D: 2-25-1972.

18724 M: 9- -1915 HELEN DORTHY BECK B: 11-25-1897, NAPOLEON, OHIO.

D: 9-29-78, STOCKTON, CALIF.

18725 (1) ROSE ELLEN ILER B: 11-12-1918

18730 (2) RONALD JAMES B: 12-30-1920

SIXTH GENERATION

NM11121

MINNIE ILER B: 10-10-1872, D: M: 5-11-1893

KREACHBAUM

(1) HAZEL KREACHBAUM B: 10-29-1895

(2) ARTHUR B: 10-5-1899

(3) CATHERINE B: 1-16-1904

6TG. Nm11122

LILLIE B: 12-18-1874, D: M: 12-24-1897 IN VAN WERT, OHIO (DOUBLE WEDDING, WITH DELLIE-TRACY)

CHARLES EVERETT B: D:

(1) MABELLE EVERETT B: 9-4-1898

(2)

6TH.

NM11123

DELLIE ILER B: 1-26-1877, D: M: 12-24-1897.
(DOUBLE WEDDING, WITH LILLIE & CHARLES EVERETT)
VAN WERT, OHIO. Jim. TRACY B: D:
(1) MARIA TRACY B - 5-18-1898 NM111231
(2) PAULINE B: 2-23-1901

6TH.

NM11124

JOSEPH N. ILER B: 8-3-1879, D: 1934, M: 11-29-1903
DOLLIE BAILEY B: 1-3-1886, D: 2-2-1956
(1) NOEL JOSEPH ILER B: 7-8-1904
(2) DALE KENNETH B: 5-22-1906, D: 1977
(3) IVAN SAMUEL B: 3-15-1910
(4) MAUDINE (MARGIE) B: 6-21-1912, D: 3-12-1974
(5) KARL ~~[illegible]~~ B: 3-30- 5-26-1915
(6) CLAIRE EUGENE (DICK) B: D: Sept-1-1942
(7) ROBERT DELMAR
(8) BILLY WADE B: 11-9-1925
(9) JAMES EDWARD B: 12-5-1931

6TH. NM11125

NOAH W. ILER B: 7-14-1882, D:

NO CHILDREN

FIFTH GENERATION

Nm1111

BARBARA ELLEN ILER, B: 2-16-1850, D:
M: 3-24-1877 NATHANIAL HARTSOCK B: 3-3-1856
D: FARMER, R.F.D. 4, CONVOY, VAN WERT CO., OHIO
(1) BANNER L. HARTSOCK B: 11-25-1882
(2) REMUS N. B: 1-14-1885
(3) EMMA J. B: 9-6-1887
(4) STELLA B: 10-17-1892

5TH. Nm1112

SAMUEL HENRY ILER B: 6-30-1851, D: ~~1938?~~ [illegible]
M: 1-4-1872 EMMA BLACK B: 8-30-1854, D: 7-8-1934
(1) MINNIE ILER B: 10-10-1872
(2) LILLIE B: 12-18-1874
(3) DELLIE B: 1-26-1877
(4) JOSEPH N. B: 8-3-1879
(5) NOAH W. B: 7-14-1882
(6) WILLIAM J. B: 1-9-1885
(7) JOHN B. B: 7-16-1888
(8) SAMUEL HARRY ILER II B: 4-22-1893

5TH. Nm1114

JOSEPH ISAAC ILER B: 3-11-1856, D:
M: 11-29-1885 MISS. L. E. SPRINGER LAMA
(1) FLORENCE ILER B: 2-27-1886
[illegible] B: 2-18-1887

4TH GENERATION

1831?

Nm111

WILLIAM ILER B: 7-15-1830, D: 5-8-1862 (CIVIL WAR)
M: 5-15-1847 ANNA BEERY B: 2-2-1828, D: 10-6-1914
(1) BARBARA ELLEN B: 2-16-1850
*(2) SAMUEL HENRY B: 1-30-1851
(3) ANNA M. B: 6-1-1853, D: 10-25-1854
(4) JOSEPH ISAAC B: 3-11-1856
(5) JOHN W. B: B: 8-2-1858, D: 1-12-1859
(6) MARY C. B: 3-13-1860, D: 10-25-1862

JOHN SERVED IN THE WAR OF 1812

BURIED IN ILER, OHIO

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B. CUMBERLAND CO. PA.

LICKING CO

NK1
JOHN ILER (ISLER) B: 1793, D: 5-21-1872, M: [illegible] 1813
MAGDALENE SWITZER B: 6-27-1794, D: 2-22-1866
NEAR ILER, SENECA CO., OHIO.

(1) JACOB ILER B: 1-1-1813, D: 6-26-1903 NK11
(2) JOHN J. B: 5-21-1822, D: 8-13-1893, M: CATHERINE NK12
(3) DAVID B: 7-15-1825, D: 5-19-1874, M: EVA HUFFMAN NK17
(4) CYRUS B: 1827, D: 8-22-1864, M: ELMATIA HUTCHINS NK19
(5) JACKSON B: 1830, D: 6-27-1864, M: MITILDA PENNELL NK1B
(6) ISAAC B: 6-28-1834, D: 1-8-1912, M: CAROLINE FLECK NK1D
(7) DANIEL M: EVE (NK13)
(8) WILLIAM 1831 ? NK14
(9) BARBARA NK15
(10) KATIE M: R. LEEMAN, 1 CH.: ORRIE NK1F
(11) BETSIE ? NK16 ?
(12) NANCY B: 9-6-1826, D: 8-8-1900, M: ANDREW WILLIAMS NK18
3 CH: ELIZABETH, JACKSON, LODEMA
(13) MARY (POLLY) NK1A
(14) SALLIE NK1C
(15) REBECCA M: RICHARD (A SOLDIER IN THE CIVIL WAR). NK1E

JACOB ILER - POSSIBLE FATHER OF JOHN NK
B: 7-25-1747, LOVERNHEIM, GERMANY
ARRIVED IN PENN., SEPT. 1774, ABOARD THE SHIP [illegible] THAT
SAILED FROM ROTTERDAM,
SERVED IN REVOLUTIONARY WAR

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JACOB ILAR, CUMBERLAND CO 1-1-2 INC. WIFE, LISTED FATHER OF C
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HOCKING CO MARRIAGES HOCKING ?
JOHN ILER TO MARIA HAMPTON 12-9-1832 (NM13)
JACOB ILER TO FANNY WALTERS 1-4-1827 (NM11)
DARKE CO. GEORGE MILLER TO BARBARA ILER ABOUT 1800 [illegible] XB3
PREBLE CO. BIRTH SARAH JANE RAMEY TO JOHN ILER, [illegible] 5-28-1863
HANCOCK CO. JACOB FOLK TO SALLY ILER 5-21-1835 ~~a0095~~ NY1*
PREBLE CO EZRA ILER TO MELISSA EMERICK 12-18-1861
[illegible] CO [illegible] JOHN ILER 1823

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